(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) : (a) and (b) On the request of the State Government, funds have been released to the State of Assam during the current financial year (2004-05) as per the details given below:

SI. No.	Name of National Parks/Sanctuaries	Funds Released (in lakhs)
1.	Kaziranga National Park	134.10
2.	Orang National Park	13.00
3.	Manas National Park	158.75

(c) Does not arise.

Poor infrastructure for protection of forests

913. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that poor infrastructural facilities are the major factors of failure in protecting and preserving the forests in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that such facilities are worst in Bodoland Territorial Areas District of Assam; and

(c) if so, Government's initiative to improve the facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Inadequacy of infrastructural facilities is one important factor for the degradation of forests in various States including all areas of Assam.

(c) Government of India provides financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Forest Protection Scheme, primarily for strengthening of infrastructure in the State Forest Departments. Government of India has provided Rupees 14.57 crores during the last four years (2000-04). Rupees 200.00 lakhs have been released during 2004-05 upto 30.11.2004.